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SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

WEB PAGES:

www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org and
www.flatwoods bible-institute.org

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MISSIONS

-Virgil McIntosh
Jackson, Ky.
-Alton Norman
Owingsville, Ky.
-David Howard
Boulder, Co.
-Dustin Bolks
Sioux Center, Ia.
-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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Please, sign up today for the
Men's Day Leadership Seminar
Saturday, Sept. 12th
9:00am–2pm with lunch provided

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Worthy of Death

Paul said before Festus in Acts 25:11, "For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar." While Paul had not committed any crime that warranted capital punishment, he maintained that if he had committed such a crime he would not try to get out of it, but would receive death as a just punishment.

Obviously, there are many crimes a man may commit that do not deserve his death, but the Bible does teach the fact that some crimes do warrant the death penalty. Under the law of Moses, God instructed for various punishments to fit various crimes. Some crimes necessitated a fine (Exodus 21:19), other crimes caused those who perpetrated them to be "worthy to be beaten" (Deuteronomy 25:2); however, there were certain crimes that were so serious that those responsible for such acts were considered "worthy of death" (Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:6; 21:22).

We are no longer under the Old Testament, and there are many differences between governments today and the theocracy that once was in place in Israel. However, the New Testament does speak of those who are "worthy of death" (Acts 25:11; Romans 1:32); moreover, it prescribes government "a revenger to execute wrath" upon the evildoer, that "beareth not the sword in vain" (Romans 13:4). What would "the sword" mean here but the carrying out of capital punishment?

The three purposes of punishment in general are restraint (to keep others from doing this crime), reformation (to cause people to do better and not continue committing the crime), and retribution (because the perpetrator deserves punishment). While the Bible certainly teaches restraint and reformation, the most fundamental of these three purposes is retribution. Yes, it is important to deter others from committing crimes; yes, it is important to try to reform individuals to do better. However, what we often miss in today's society is the principle of retribution: that punishment is deserved.

Even though he was uninspired, the penitent thief on the cross even recognized this fundamental Bible truth:

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." Luke 23:39-41

This malefactor did not try to blame someone else for his crime. He did not act like a victim. While in the midst of suffering the pain of crucifixion, he recognized that this was being done "justly" to him and the other malefactor for both were receiving the "due reward" for their deeds.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM- guest speaker: Nathan Adkins

PM- guest speaker: Chris Scott

Dates to Remember

- Sep 1-** Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Sep 5- Greasy Ridge Singing & Potluck- 6pm
Sep 8- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Sep 8- Ladies Devotional- 6:30p- host: Amanda Scott
Sep 10- Little School Orientation- 7pm
Sep 12- Men's Leadership training- Stephen Rogers- 4 sessions- lunch provided-RSVP
Sep 13- Potluck luncheon-12pm- annex
Sep 13-16- Gospel Meeting-Stephen Rogers
Sep 17- FBI fall class begins-annex- 7pm
Sep 20- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30
Sep 22- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Sep 29- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 3- Greasy Ridge Singing & Potluck- 6pm
Oct 6- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 11- Michael Mayo (Thailand)- AM service
Oct 13- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 13- Ladies Devotional- 6:30p- host: Sherry Sturgill
Oct 18- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30
Oct 20- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 25- Trunk O' Treat & chili supper- 7pm
Oct 27- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Nov 1- Bring A Friend Day
Nov 1- Potluck luncheon- 12pm-annex
Nov 3- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Nov 7- Greasy Ridge Singing & Potluck- 6pm
Nov 10- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Nov 10- Ladies Devotional- 6:30p- cookie & candy recipe and sample exchange- annex
Nov 15- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30
Nov 17- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Nov 24- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Dec 1- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Dec 5- Pancake breakfast -8a- annex -host: Scotts
Dec 5- Greasy Ridge Singing & Potluck- 6pm
Dec 8- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Dec 12- Ladies Holiday Party at Kathy Hall's-6p
Dec 15- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy goes to Deena Maio and family on the loss of her brother, George Richard Blevins, on August 19th. Our prayers are with you.

Aug 28 Ladies Luncheon

The August luncheon is Friday, the 28th, at 12:30pm at Tres Hermanos in Greenup on Rt.23. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

Save the Dates Sept. 12-17

Stephen Rogers from Washington Avenue church of Christ in Evansville Indiana, will be with us for 6 days of special meetings and lessons. Saturday, **Sept. 12**, Brother Rogers will conduct a **Men's Day Seminar** on Leadership in the Church, 4 sessions with lunch provided and an RSVP (on the foyer board) is requested. **Sept. 13-16** will be our **Gospel Meeting** on 'How to be a Good Follower' with 10am classes Mon.-Wed. on 'Life's Challenges'. The week will end with the **FBI class beginning on Sept. 17** on 'Leadership in the Church.' Classes will be each Thursday through Dec 12 and are a continuation of the seminar topic. A list of topics for the seminar and FBI class is available. Sign up on the foyer board. And, please, spread the word to all your friends!

**Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?**

Why not today?



Gauging Our Faith

	08/16/15	Goal	08/17/14
Bible Study	101	110	94
AM Worship	147	150	148
PM Worship	87	110	94
Mid Week	90	110	nc
Contribution:	\$5939.96	\$5500.00	\$4833.00

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Danny Stone

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Mark Parks

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: J.C. Hughes

Assisting: Jordan Conley,
Nathan Parks, Bob Tushay,
Adam Gullett, David Castle,
Mitch Stafford, Will Scott

Presiding PM: Steve Wallace

Assisting: Edgar Phillips

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Chuck Dolen

PM: Roy Murphy

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Danny Stone

DEVOTIONAL: Chris Scott

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

RECORDING ASSIST: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Steve Wallace

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a *first-time visitor* with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We also have **Bible correspondence courses** you can sign up to receive by mail at **no cost to you**. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**.

Thank you for attending.

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★ Every Sunday ★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm-

**in the front of
the auditorium**

**-geared to age 12 & under,
but everyone is
invited to attend.**

**Boys have a song ready
to lead for the group.**

